

Public Health – Seattle & King County support services For Tent Cities 3 and 4

Health Care for the Homeless program

Through our Health Care for the Homeless (HCHN) program, we provide education and consultation around a range of health issues.

- HCHN assigns a lead public health nurse who provides training for staff and residents around communicable disease control issues, such as hand hygiene.
- Working closely with the Tent City site managers, our public health nurse is available for consultation as questions and issues arise.
- In the past, we have provided flu shots to residents on site and provided emergency preparedness supplies.
- Though we don't provide on-site clinical services, we do make referrals to get those in need of care to a health provider, including assistance to pregnant women.

The HCHN services provided to Tent City are part of our larger outreach efforts to over 60 homeless sites throughout King County.

Environmental Health program

Our HCHN public health nurse works in tandem with our Environmental Health program in ensuring that food, water and sanitation practices are safe.

An Environmental Health inspector is assigned to Tent City to provide consultation at set up and on an as-needed basis. Our inspector provides guidance on how to avoid environmentally based disease outbreaks, paying particular attention to sanitation, food safety, garbage, hand washing, and drinking water.

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